

Remarks

The specification of the present application was amended to add a section cross-referencing other applications relied upon for priority. In addition, section headings were added and some minor corrections to the text of the specification were made.

Claims 11 and 12 were cancelled and new claims 13-24 were added. Support for the new claims may be found in those originally filed with the application.

Neither the amendments to the specification nor the amendments to the claims add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

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